



Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Education Subcommittee Meeting

April 18, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Members participating included Sheila Hudson, Don Travis and Paul Southwick. IJC staff members participating were Mary Kay Hudson, Diane Mains and Jamie Bergacs.

II. Review of minutes from last meeting

Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the meeting held on March 14, 2008.

III. Skill building training discussion and planning

○ Topic

Committee members decided the training topic for the skill building training session will be Motivational Interviewing (MI).

○ Workshop length and format

Sheila Hudson reported that an introductory training on MI is 2-2 ½ days.

Jamie Bergacs suggested that the training session tentatively take place within IJC facilities at 30 S. Meridian.

○ Proposal of dates

The committee proposed that the skill building training take place in April of 2009.

IV. Annual PSC conference planning continued

○ Review and discuss draft agenda

The committee reviewed the draft 2008 PSC Workshop agenda.

The committee would like additional time to consider topics and faculty for the opening and closing plenary sessions.

Mary Kay Hudson reported that she has spoken with Dr. Wyatt Mullinex and he is available to present on “Understanding the 12 Steps”. She also spoke with him in regards to presenting a plenary on communication, effective meetings and team conflict. He is available to present the plenary on Wednesday afternoon or Friday morning, with the 12 Steps breakout session on Thursday.

Members decided to cancel the 3 hour “Clinical Screening” breakout. The committee has replaced it with 2 breakout sessions, one being “Criminal Justice Screening” and the other being “Mental Illness and Problem Solving Courts”. It was suggested that NAMI present a portion of the “Mental Illness and Problem Solving Courts” breakout. Additionally, Cathy Boggs was recommended as faculty for this session. The focus of this session is to assist court staff, especially those without a clinical background, with how to identify, interact / case manage, and understand a mental health diagnosis.

Members discussed the content of the “Balancing the Roles” session. It was suggested that this session focus on preventing / addressing burnout. Members to further consider the direction of this breakout session.

Further discussion to take place regarding the “Legal and Ethical Concerns Addressed” breakout session, as it is feared that there will not be enough information to present a full breakout session on the concerns of 501c3. Possible alternative is “Ethics Jeopardy”.

Mary Kay Hudson to speak with Nancy Gettinger regarding the focus of the Court Improvement Program breakout session and whether it would be helpful to include information about the family court project. Ms. Hudson will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

The committee suggested panel members for the “Team Transitions” breakout. Suggestions included: Judge Jose Salinas, Jennifer Fillmore, Coordinator Marion County Drug Court, Judge MaryEllen Diekhoff and Monroe County Prosecutor, Judge Cecile Blau, and Vigo County’s drug court prosecutor. Sheila Hudson also suggested adding information regarding the institutionalization of roles into the session. If roles are institutionalized, team transition should be easier.

“Risk and Needs Assessment” will stay a 3 hours session. Part I- assessing risk and needs (why do risk and needs assessment). Phase II- responsivity- things unique to that individual to address in a case plan to get them needs ready (now that you do risk and needs assessment, what to do with the information).

Sheila Hudson suggested that “Hiring, Firing, and Progressive Discipline” breakout be broaden to include how to be an effective manager.

Committee members to consider faculty for “Innovation in Supervision” breakout session.

Jamie Bergacs to survey Judges that serve as committee members regarding format and faculty for “Role of the Judge in Problem Solving Courts.”

Mary Kay Hudson to speak with Jane Seigel regarding the direction for “Setting up your not-for-profit” breakout session.

“Pharmacology” was discussed as being an additional breakout session. This session could include current trends, such as pharm parties and legal highs.

- Additional faculty recommendations
NAMI- Mental Illness and Problem Solving Courts
Cathy Boggs, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Director-
Mental Illness and Problem Solving Courts

V. Schedule next meeting date

The next education subcommittee meeting will take place, via conference call, on Friday, May 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.